



RE-THINK BEFORE! FINAL YEAR EXAMINATION WOULD NOT BECOME THE FINAL EXAM OF LIFE

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ABSTRACT

To raise the voice on the examination which is going to be conducted while side-off the guidelines of ICMR of social distancing which prone the probability of community spread of covid-19 pandemic. Is the philosophy of pragmatism for conducting the examination has more valuable than the philosophy of existentialism of human life? According to current situation the philosophy of humanism should be prevail and we should take decision rationally on the ground reality of realism. We should take decision logically at this time otherwise it creates a serious consciousness and we should not leave the examinee and examiner on the hand of their destiny.

KEY WORDS: Covid-19 Pandemic and Examination, UGC, ICMR.

PROBLEM:

The most important discussion topic in the current scenario in the education domain—How the examination could conduct during this covid-19 pandemic situation? This decision on this discussion depends upon the direction of our supreme court. The UGC the highest autonomous body of central government in the field of higher education raise the question of validity of degree without conducting the final year examination. This logic of UGC seems rational because the final year examination plays a crucial role in the academic carrier of a student. It also affects the further studies and research.

The examination decision also effect the recruitment process of agencies that provide the waitage of marks during the different phases of selection and short listing of candidates for various post. Therefore it is not as simple as it looks but these decisions affect the carrier of millions students through out of academic life and later on its after effect on their carrier and recruitment process. Therefore the importance and relevance of this topic become vital.

Now we come on the last stakeholders who have the responsibilities of conducting the examination our central and state universities. Some state universities conducting throughout the examination. Our universities are highly professional in conducting the examination but there expertise in traditional method or we say offline process of conducting the assessment and evaluation of students. But when we talk about the online examination universities have not professionally trained team to complete this task during this time.

And the least but not the least students are also not prepare for such a situation whether they take examination during online mode due to various constraints such as unavailability of digital resource such as laptop or Smartphone the second variable which effect the signal strength of network in the urban area the 4G signal available but in the rural areas it may or may not be possible and the third factor is associated with the electricity availability of that region. Therefore conducting the online examination is not practically feasible at this time

ICMR GUIDELINES FOR SOCIAL DISTANCING (MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE):

Advisory on Social Distancing Measure in view of spread of COVID-19 disease: Social distancing is a non-pharmaceutical infection prevention and control intervention implemented to avoid/decrease contact between those who are infected with a disease causing pathogen and those who are not, so as to stop or slow down the rate and extent of disease transmission in a community. This eventually leads to decrease in spread, morbidity and mortality due to the disease.

- Closure of all educational establishments (schools, universities etc). Students should be advised to stay at home. Online education to be promoted.
- Possibility of postponing exams may be explored. Ongoing exams to be conducted only after ensuring physical distance of one meter amongst students.
- Proper cleanliness of frequently touched surfaces. Ensure physical distancing (minimum 1metre) between tables; encourage open air seating where practical with adequate distancing.
- Non-essential travel should be avoided. Buses, Trains to maximize

social distancing in public transport besides ensuring regular and proper disinfection of surfaces.

As we see that the social distancing can be maintain during the examination hall but what about the possibility of social distancing during the whole journey duration from the home of examinee to the place of examination as we see that a lot of students travel from 100 miles to participate in the examination the situation of women examinee and the differently able candidates also face severe challenges during this duration of time the local transport vehicles like bus and train is not operating on these days. The severity of problem also increases in the odd climate situation such as in Bihar and West Bengal and Assam and their neighboring seven sisters' state which was affected with the flood.

CURRENT SITUATION OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN INDIA:

India is the 3rd largest affected country in the world and our health infrastructure in not sufficient to face the challenges of this covid-19 epidemic and the duration of last six months of continuous working of covid-19 warriors are also highly risk of contamination and frequently infected while treatment of patient which increase the mortality rate and the outbreak of seasonal disease due to other various vector born disease which also make the situation very critical if we do not take proper precaution we cannot avoid the possibility of community spread of this covid-19 and the situation become worse because neither we have vaccine nor medicine to counter this disease.

While conducting the examination during this pandemic are we not taking the risk of human life? and left person on the destiny of his fate which was depends upon the immunity of their genetic blueprint at this time. At this time our internal immunity system and personal hygiene are the only weapons to battle down this covid-19 novel corona virus. We should seriously think the possibility and alternative to avoid this unpredictable circumstance which is present in front of us and don't gamble the precious life of a person. Therefore we should seriously evaluate while conducting this examination.

THEN WHAT ARE THE SOLUTIONS?

Now at this situation the challenges of conducting the examination is difficult and to award the degree of final examination is not valid we should think about the other alternative: can we further extend the examination until the situation become under control? Can we implement the ICMR guideline and social distancing protocol while during conducting the examination? Can we decentralize the examination centre to avoid excess footfall of students on the selected examination centers? These alternatives can provide the best possible solution for conducting the examination during this odd time:

- The UGC give more liberty to state for conducting the final year examination.
- The numbers of examination centre are expended more with less cluster of examinee to the footfall on the particular examination centre.
- The vigilance of examination conduct with the help of CCTV cameras.
- The ICMR guidelines of social distancing should be mandatory while conducting the exam.
- The sanitization of examination hall should be done before and after the

end of examination.

- The proper rotation of duties of staff should be managed.
- If the student feels any symptoms of infection there should be proper arrangement to take them extra precaution while during the examination hall.
- Can we provide the hostel accommodation so that the probability of infection during journey should be minimized for outstanding students on their request?
- Can we restructure the examination schedule and pattern of examination and time duration?

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